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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the International Search Report in counterpart application PCT/JP2005/002365 which was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 9, 2005. Also, Applicant submits the following:

1. The disclosure on page 3 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for Japanese Patent No. 3,414,083, JP-A-2000-80239, JP-A-2000-80240, JP-A-2002-341140, and JP-A-2002-243943 constitute a concise statement of relevance of those references. Also, corresponding U.S. Patent 5,580,928 is cited as the U.S. counterpart of Japanese Patent No. 3,414,083.

2. The indication in the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office, and the submission of an English language abstract and partial English translation for JP-A-2003-026942 and JP-A-2004-045893 constitute a concise statement of relevance of those references.

3. The indication in the International Search Report of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office, and the submission of an English language abstract for WO 01/37007 and JP-A-2004-315788 constitute a concise statement of relevance of those references. Also, the indication in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office constitutes a concise statement of relevance of WO 01/37007. In addition, U.S. 2005-0096431 A1 is cited as the U.S. counterpart of WO 01/37007, and U.S. 2004-0190138 A1 is cited as the U.S. counterpart of JP-A-2004-315788.

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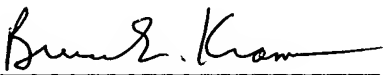
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